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REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1943

Including part report of Sanitary Inspector  
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Mr Chairman, Mrs Corbett-Winder, Gentlemen.

This report is drawn up according to the instructions contained in Circular 2773 (Wales):-  
Certain statements and facts are omitted on grounds of National Secubity.

BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
<u>Live Births</u>			
Legitimate	43	47	90
Illegitimate	2	3	5
	45	50	95
<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total Live & Still Births	48	51	99

Birth Rate

18.88 per 1000- this compares with 16.5 for the whole of England and Wales.

DEATHS

M.	F	TOTAL
52	29	81

These figures are taken from monthly return s.

NOTE - No death was recorded of infants under one year for the twelve months ending 31/12/1943.

The average ages at death were as follows:-

Female	72.51	years
Male	64.01	"

These figures tend to show that the health of the people living in the Rural District is very good. Of the 81 deaths which occurred in the area 45 were over 70 years of age and of these 21 were over 80 years

The causes of death were as follows:-

Heart Diseases, 19; Cerebral Haemorrhage, 15; Cancer 12; Penumonia, 5; Senile Decay and other causes 21. There were three deaths from Tuberculosis = 81

Ages at death after adjustment of the outward and inward transfers were

Male	38
Female	26
Total	64

This compares with 62 last year.



The death rate after adjusting the inward and outward transfers is 12.72 per 1000- as against 12.1. for the whole of England and Wales.

There were 61 cases of Notifiable Diseases as compared with 89 last year classified as follows:-

	F	M	Total
Whooping Cough	10	5	15
Scarlet Fever	11	4	15
Lobar Pneumonia	5	5	10
Erysipelas	-	1	1.
Tuberculosis	5	4	9
Measles	5	5	10
Puerperal pyrexia	1	-	1
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The District is singularly free from Scabies; and there were no cases of V.D reported during the year.

It is gratifying to note that whereas there were 22 cases of Diphtheria last year, not a single case was notified for the period under review.

There was an increase in the number of cases of Tuberculosis notified as compared with last year- This year there were nine ,as against six for last year-

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

There are no exact figures available on the numbers of Immunisations in the District.

#### VERMINOUS CHILDREN

Number of children found to be suffering from vermin 24

#### SANITARY SECTION C CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water - In spite of the fact that yet another exceptionally dry summer was experienced, there were no complaints as to shortage of water. In order to improve the general water situation by providing piped supplies to the Villages after the War, a survey of the District is being made & all sources where there is a plentiful supply of water are being noted. ~~Barrow~~ The piped supply to this Village is ~~more~~ than sufficient for all purposes. Owing to shortage of water at the Council School in this Village, the water has now also been piped to the School.





Llandyssil- An abundant supply was again available from all three sources.

Churchstoke The only pipes supply in this large Parish is one owned by the County Council, and supplies the the Small Holdings at Pentrenant. A good supply is always available.

Leighton- Again there was a shortage of water. This water works is jointly owned by a number of private owners, and although they have been advised as to a convenient method of obtaining an abundant supply, no action has yet been taken.

NEW HOUSES- Work on the erection of eight new houses for occupation by agricultural workers is still in progress.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE- No changes whatever have taken place during the year.

RIVERS & STREAMS - The position is exactly the same as reported years ago.

PUBLIC CLEANSING - No change of any kind during the year.

#### INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply - Farms and Dairies throughout the District are frequently inspected, and generally, the standard of cleanliness is good. There are, however, a number of unsatisfactory premises, and it is hoped that drastic steps will be taken regarding them as soon as opportunity occurs.

Sampling - The County Council is the Authority for sampling for Bacterial Content, and for Tubercle Bacilli.

Meat Inspection- The slaughtering of animals for human consumption is centralised, and carried out under Government arrangements. Nevertheless, shops and meat vans are kept under supervision, and everything during the year was satisfactory.

Bakehouses - The three bakehouses are regularly inspected, and are kept in satisfactory condition

#### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The District is regularly inspected, and such defects as have been found have been remedied. Owing to necessary restrictions as to man power and release of materials only minor works of repairs or improvement can be carried out.

SCHOOLS - All Schools in the area are in good sanitary condition, and have an adequate water supply.

Complaints received - Twelve

Samples of water taken- One

Premises Disinfected - Five

M.D. THOMAS

Medical Officer of Health.

Welshpool  
August 22nd 1944

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